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EXAMINER: James Keenan  
GROUP: 3652  
APPLICANT: James A. McLeod et al  
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FOR: COLLECTION AND STACKING OF LUMBER PIECES FROM  
THE GROUND

Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C., 20231  
U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Action dated February 27<sup>th</sup> 2002.

In the Claims:

Claims 1 to 25 stand of record in the case.

Claims 1 to 25 are rejected.

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 8 are independent claims in this application.

Turning firstly to Claim 1, the Examiner has rejected this claim on the basis only of a combination of McLeod and Engle.

Claim 1 is directed generally to the construction of the second side wall on the outside of the picking assembly. Claim 1 includes the following specified feature of the second side wall: